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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC
SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
DOCKET NO.

In the Matter of:)
RALPH MINERVINO, D.D.S.)
Licensed to Practice Dentistry)
in the State of New Jersey)

) Administrative Action
CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon receipt of a patient complaint from Emily Cullen concerning dental treatment performed by the respondent consisting, in pertinent part, of the insertion of six laminates fused together on teeth #22 to #27. The Board reviewed the entire record in this matter consisting of the patient charts, radiographs, and additional information acquired at an investigative inquiry attended by the respondent on January 18, 1995. It appears to the Board that the respondent improperly placed porcelain laminate veneers in this patient in the presence of severe periodontal disease. It also appears to the Board that additions and/or alterations were made to the original patient chart prior to submission to the Board for review. It further appearing that the respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS *6th* DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1995,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent shall make restitution to the patient by submitting a certified check or money order made payable to Emily Cullen in the amount of \$1,530.00 to the State Board of Dentistry at 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102, no later than the first day of the month following the entry date of this Order.

2. Respondent shall cease and desist the performance of any laminate veneers until he has successfully completed seven (7) hours of continuing education in diagnosis and treatment planning, fourteen (14) hours of continuing education in the fabrication of laminate veneers, and fourteen (14) hours of continuing education in basic periodontics. These courses shall be approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance utilizing the attached Pre-Approval Sheet, and the courses must be completed no later than December 31, 1995. Respondent also shall be required to complete the attached Continuing Education Report and Proof of Attendance as proof of successful completion of the required course work. The attached forms are made a part of the within Order, and a separate form is to be used for each course. Said continuing education ordered herein shall be in addition to, and not a part of, the mandatory continuing education currently required for dentists.

3. Respondent shall be hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500.00 for professional misconduct by making alterations and/or additions to the original patient chart prior to submission to the Board for review. This civil penalty shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board no later than the first day

of the month following the entry date of this Order.

Stephen Candio, D.D.S.
President
State Board of Dentistry

I have read and understand
the within Order and agree
to be bound by its terms.
Consent is hereby given to
the Board to enter this
Order.

Ralph Minervino, D.D.S.
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